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Sunday, January 9, Wheeler Island, Solano County, 8 a.m. to mid-afternoon

CCC Shoring Up Levees Impacted by Winds, Tides

- Who:** Fifteen members of the California Conservation Corps from the Delta Center in Stockton.
- What:** At the request of Reclamation District 2127, the CCC will be sandbagging and laying heavy protective plastic along the Wheeler Island levees. Due to recent high winds and tides from Suisun Bay about half the levee width has eroded in some locations; high tides and winds are forecasted for Sunday and Monday as well. The CCC's work is expected to begin around first light and continue into early afternoon.
- Where:** Wheeler Island is a 1,000-acre island located directly north of Pittsburg and directly south of the Grizzly Island Wildlife Refuge
- When:** Sunday, January 9, 8 a.m. to mid-afternoon.
- Directions:** Boat access from McAvoy's Boat Harbor in Pittsburg. There is also a small helicopter pad on the island.

CCC contact at work site: CCC crew supervisor Aaron Bayhon

Friday, this CCC crew filled 4,000 sandbags on Bradford Island to have ready in case of need.

Statewide, the Corps has 40 flood-trained crews ready for dispatch in response to storms and flooding. The California Conservation Corps, a state agency, is a workforce development program hiring young men and women between the ages of 18 and 25. Corpsmembers, who earn pay and receive health benefits, devote a year to conservation work and emergency response.

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